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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1324

DEPT PASS BAGHDAD

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR KU IZ

SUBJ: KUWAIT IRAQ BORDER SITUATION

REF: KUWAIT 1121

SUMMARY: BORDER SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED, BUT GOK EXPECTS  
TO RECEIVE GOI RESPONSE TO TIS RECENT MEMO IN NEXT FEW DAYS.  
END SUMMARY

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1. ACCORDING TO FONMIN DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPT, ISSA AL- HAMAD, KUWAITI- IRAQI BORDER PROBLEM REMAINS UNCHANGED. GOK SENT NOTE TO GOI RE BORDER SHORTLY AFTER IRAQI DELEGATION LEFT KUWAIT APRIL 8. IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT HAS SINCE GONE TO BAGHDAD AND RETURNED KUWAIT, BUT HE DID NOT BRING EXPECTED MESSAGE FROM GOI.
  2. ARAB LEAGUE SECDEF, MAHMOUD RIAD, ( WHO VISITED KUWAIT FOR ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUND MEETING APRIL 15-18 AND THEN BAGHDAD) HAS AGAIN BEEN ACTIVE IN FACILITATION COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOI AND GOK. ACCORDING TO AL- HAMAD, RIAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH GOK OFFICIALS AND LATER WITH IRAQIS. LATTER TOLD RIAD THEY HAD BEEN EXPECTING GOK RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS MADE BY THEIR DELEGATION ( PRESUMABLY RE WARBA AND BUBIYAN ISLANDS) BUT INSTEAD ONLY RECEIVED MEMORANDUM REITERATING GOK POSITION RE DEMARCATION OF FRONTIER ALONG LINE DESCRIBED IN 1932 AND 1963 AGREEMENTS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOI HAS PROMISED A RESPONSE TO GOK, HOPEFULLY, BY END OF WEEK ( I. E. APRIL 27) .
  3. DEPENDING UPON RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM IRAQ, GOK WILL DETERMINE NEXT STEP. IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON BORDER, GOK MAY ASK GROUP OF FRIENDLY ARAB STATES TO ACT AS MEDIATOR IF IRAQ AND KUWAIT CAN AGREE AS TO SPECIFIC STATES TO BE ASKED. IF THIS FAILS, GOK PLANS TAKE QUESTION TO ARAB LEAGUE.
  4. AL- HAMD ALSO SAID THAT WHEN FONMIN SABAH AL- AHMAD WENT TO IRAQ IN MARCH, IRAQIS TOLD HIM THEY HAD TAKEN DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO DEMARCAT E BORDER FOR FIRST TIME. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT YET AGREED ON WHERE BORDER SHOULD RUN.
  5. INCIDENTALLY, EMBASSY HAS BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT IN WAKE OF IRAQI ATTACK ON AL- SAMITA, IRAQIS ACTUALLY BLEW UP THE POST. MOST IRAQI TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT HAVE REPORTEDLY LEFT SAMITA ENCLAVE, ALTHOUGH ABOUT A COMPANY REMAINS AND KUWAITI FORCES HAVE NOT ENTERED AREA HELD BY IRAQIS.
- MCCLELLAND

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED BAGHDAD.

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